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FOR AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMAN FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
BILATERAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH WE SIGNED WITH BRAZIL
HERE, YOU MAY PASS THE FOLLOWING ON TO PRESIDENT PEREZ AS AN ORAL
MEESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY:

BEGIN ORAL MESSAGE

2. I SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BRAZIL ON
SATURDAY. THE MEMORANDUM PROVIDES FOR MACHINERY, UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF BIENNIAL MEETINGS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, FOR THE
TWO GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER A HOST OF SPECIFIC, CONCRETE ACTION
ISSUES. SOME OF THE ISSUES WE WILL BE DISCUSSING IN SUBGROUPS
ARE TRADE, ENERGY, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL TRANSFER.

3. THE MEMORANDUM WITH BRAZIL IS ONLY THE MOST ADVANCED OF
A SERIES OF SIMILAR MEASURES WE HAVE TAKEN WITH LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES RECENTLY, INCLUDING VENEZUELA, TO NURTURE AND STRENGTHEN
OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS AND IMPROVE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
IN ADDITION TO OUR CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY WITH VENEZUELA
WE HAVE, FOR EXAMPLE, RECENTLY EXECUTED AN AGREEMENT WITH
ARGENTINA PROVIDING FOR FOUR WORKING GROUPS TO REGULARIZE
CONSULTATION ON FOUR MAJOR ISSUES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND
ARGENTINA.

4. THE PRESIDENT WILL REMEMBER THAT DURING OUR CONVERSATIONS
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I SPOKE TO HIM REPEATEDLY OF MY VIEW THAT WHAT WE
WERE DOING THEN WAS INSTITUTING A PROCESS TO IMPROVE THE
SPECIAL BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE
UNITED STATES. I ALSO TOLD HIM WE WOULD STAY IN CLOSE

TOUCH WITH HIM REGARDING MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EVENTS. WE
WILL THEREFORE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO STAY IN TOUCH TO
SEE WHETHER THESE FIRST STEPS SHOULD EVOLVE OVER TIME INTO
AN ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES,
ALONG SIMILAR LINES TO THAT WHICH WE HAVE WITH BRAZIL,
SHOULD VENEZUELA DESIRE IT. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE THIS POS-
SIBILITY, IN ANY SENSE, FOR WE REGARD OUR RELATIONS WITH
VENEZUELA AS A MATTER OF FIRST PRIORITY IN OUR LATIN
AMERICAN POLICY. END ORAL MESSAGE.
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